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Education

Ph.D. in American history, University of Pennsylvania, 2006.

Dissertation: "Power in Motion: Western Success Stories of the Jeffersonian Republic."

B.A. *cum laude* in history, Harvard University (Radcliffe College), 1966.

Teaching

Randolph-Macon College, January-terms: 2014 (forthcoming) "The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790," a writing-intensive course based on Rhys Isaac's 1984 masterpiece and on relevant primary sources; and **2012-2013** "'Westward the Course of Empire,' North America, 1763-1863."

James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, 2009-2013: "Foundations of American Constitutionalism," graduate course and summer institute at Georgetown University.

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, 2002-2008:

"Introduction to Historical Studies," 2008; "Two American Revolutions, 1760-1800," 2006-08; "Colonial American History," 2005-06; "Survey of American History" (both halves), 2002-08.

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 1996, "Women in American History."

University of Pennsylvania, 1989-91, American history survey, both halves.

The Greenhill School, Dallas, Texas, 1984-89, history and English.

Tafari Makonnen School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 1968-1971, English language and Ancient History, (as U.S. Peace Corps volunteer and then on contract with the Ethiopian Ministry of Education).

Recent Research Fellowships

- Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello, Jan.-Feb., 2009.
- Filson Historical Society Fellowship, Louisville KY, June 2008.

Publications and Presentations

Published essays (as Marion Nelson Winship):

- **"The 'Practicable Sphere' of a Republic: Western Ways of Connecting to Congress."** Kenneth R. Bowling and Donald R. Kennon, eds., *The House and Senate in the 1790s: Petitioning, Lobbying, and Institutional Development* (2002), 139-77.
- **"Kentucky in the New Republic: A Study of Distance and Connection."** Craig Thompson Friend, ed., *The Buzzel about Kentuck: Settling the Promised Land* (1999), 100-23.
- **"The Land of Connected Men: A New Migration Story from the Early American Republic."** Nicholas Canny, Joseph E. Illick, and Gary B. Nash, eds. *Empire, Society, and Labor: Essays in Honor of Richard S. Dunn. Pennsylvania History*. Vol. 64. (Summer, 1997), 88-104.
- **"Enterprise in Motion in the Early American Republic: The Federal Government and the Making of Thomas Worthington."** *Business and Economic History* (Fall, 1994), 81-91.

Scholarly Papers

- "Episodes of Jeffersonian Opposition, 1798-99: Political Men Restored to the Scene (Rethinking 'Grass Roots Origins')," Jeffersonian Democracy Workshop, Princeton University, May, 2012.
- "The Valley of Virginia and the Making of Midwestern America," Virginia Forum, Harrisonburg VA, March, 2012.
- "Jefferson's Western Men and Early Washington City: Towards a New View of the Muddy Metropolis," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), 2008.
- "If Pocahontas had lived—just imagine! Possible Pasts (Toward Altered Futures?)," Virginia Humanities Conference, 2007.
- "The Burden of Jamestown's History, from 'The Genesis of the United States' to 'The Birth of America,'" Second Virginia Forum, 2007.
- "Western Circulations of Power and Culture in the Occupations/Preoccupations of Thomas Worthington," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), 2003.

and papers presented at:

- SHEAR, 1998, 1995, and 1992.
- Organization of American Historians, 1998 and 1993.
- (now Omohundro) Institute of Early American History and Culture, 1995.
- American Historical Association, 1995.
- Philadelphia (now McNeil) Center for Early American Studies, 1993.
- Southern Historical Association, 1992.
- Philadelphia (now McNeil) Center for Early American Studies, 1993.

Recent Professional Service

- **Peer Reviewer** of articles submitted to *Ohio Valley History* (2) and *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2010.
- **Invited Speaker** for U.S. State Department international visitors, James Madison's Montpelier, Center for the Constitution (2010).
- **Judge**, State Finals, "We the People" High School Debates, Harrisonburg, 2008; Richmond, 2012, and Williamsburg, 2013.
- **Invited Speaker**, "Young George Washington's Sense of Place: Geography, Identity, and Ambition," GW Birthplace National Historic Monument, 2006.

Book Reviews and Other Offerings:

- "Jamestown," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History* (2012).
- "John Claiborne [1778-1808]," *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*.
- "Martha Wayles Skelton Jefferson," *American National Biography*.

Book reviews:

- *Ohio Valley History* (2011): Craig Friend, *Kentucke's Frontiers*.
- *Journal of the Early Republic* (2009): review of four recent books on early Washington, D.C.
- *Journal of American History* (2005): Warren R. Hofstra, *The Planting of New Virginia: Settlement and Landscape in the Shenandoah Valley*.
- *William and Mary Quarterly*, (2005): Craig Thompson Friend, *Along the Maysville Road: The Early American Republic in the Trans-Appalachian West*.
- *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* (2005): Ellen Eslinger, ed., *Running Mad for Kentucky: Frontier Travel Accounts*.
- *Ohio Valley History* (2005): L. Scott Philyaw, *Virginia's Western Visions: Political and Cultural Expansion on an Early American Frontier*.

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